



Priorsford Newsletter

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'Supporting each other to grow and learn together'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

October is the time of year when a term of work draws to a close and then a new term begins, bringing more opportunities to learn new skills. The clocks have gone back and it will be getting darker as the children leave school. Please ensure children can be seen with reflective clothing and bright colours if out and about when it is dark.

It has been great to see such enthusiasm for the P1-3 Yoga Club. The taster sessions offered in school generated lots of interest. Thank you to Karen Kirkness and Lucy Gardener-Roberts for leading and supporting this club. I am currently exploring the opportunity for a Drama Club to be brought to Priorsford PS. I will be in touch when plans have been finalised.

In my September newsletter I highlighted different Rotary Youth competitions for children. It would be great to see a few entries from our school. If your child is interested in the Young Photography, Young Writer, Young Artist or Young Filmmaker please contact me for more details and an entry form. The theme for all competitions is 'Wonderful Water'. There are 2 categories: Junior - up to and including 10 years old and Intermediate - 11-13 year olds.

We have reinstated a 'Lost Property Box' in the Atrium area. Items of lost property will be placed in this box. Adults will be able to check this box after school as the Atrium door is often open to allow access to after-school clubs. Please encourage your child to be responsible for bringing their belongings, iPads, water bottles etc. to and from school. To try to assist families with labelling personal items of clothing and other belongings we have signed up with My Nametags. More information is available in this newsletter.

Please remember if you have any queries or questions you can contact me as per my details below, or you can also contact Mr Russell, Depute Head Teacher via email KRussell@scotborders.gov.uk or contact Ms McDonald, Depute Head Teacher via email CMcdonald@scotborders.gov.uk.

Susan Woodyer
Headteacher

Remembrance Day Poppies

We will be selling poppies during the school day to children who wish to donate to the Scottish Poppy Appeal.



These will be available from Monday 4th November through to Tuesday 11th November. Primary 7 children will visit our classes daily so children can give to this worthy cause. On Monday 10th November and Tuesday 11th November our assemblies will focus on Remembrance with Mr Adrian Lucas helping out with the presentation at each assembly. We will explain the importance and meaning of Remembrance. On Tuesday 11th November at 11am, those that are able to do so will respectfully participate in a minutes silence to remember everyone who has fought in conflicts.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

In my last newsletter I highlighted the Asda Cashpot for Schools initiative.

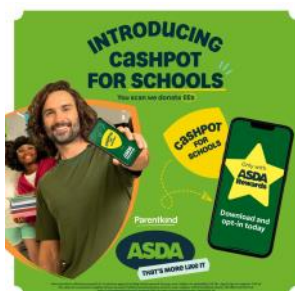
All parents/carers can opt in through their Asda Rewards app, choose Priorsford Primary School to receive the reward.

Every time parents/carers shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school.

Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there - Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Our school Cashpot has just over £100 at this point and, with just 30 days left, we would love it if more families and friends chose Priorsford as their receiving school.

I will let you know the final amount we receive in my next newsletter.



Dates For Your Diary

Mon 4th Nov	8pm - Parent Booking System opens for Parent Consultations (19th/20th Nov)
Thurs 7th Nov	5pm - P1 enrolment tour of the school 6.30pm - PTA meeting in staffroom
Mon 11th Nov	P3 Cycle Skills - further information to be issued in due course
Tues 12th Nov	P3 Cycle Skills - further information to be issued in due course
Wed 13th Nov	P3 Cycle Skills - further information to be issued in due course
Thurs 14th Nov	SSPCA Visits to P1/2C, P5P, P5/6SL & P6/7C Together Time for all classes 6.30pm - Parent Council Meeting in staffroom
Fri 15th Nov	CHILDREN IN NEED DAY - Wear Spots to school and donations will be collected Parent Booking Systems closes for Parent Consultations
MONDAY 18th - FRIDAY 22nd	SCOTTISH BOOK WEEK ENROLMENT WEEK for P1 (starting Aug '25) & Nursery (ELC) starting Aug '25
Mon 18th Nov	Deadline for Christmas card/mug orders
Tues 19th Nov	6pm - 8.30pm - Parent Consultations
Wed 20th Nov	P7M - Trip to Scottish Parliament 4pm - 6.30pm - Parent Consultations
Tues 26th Nov & Wed 27th Nov	ELC & School Photographs by Vanilla Moon—Individual & Sibling Portraits
Thurs 28th Nov	6pm - 8pm PTA Christmas Fayre - Info to book Santa visits in due course

PTA - Christmas Fair - Thursday 28th Nov

Our PTA are working hard behind the scenes to organise one of the highlights in the school calendar, the Christmas Fair. All families are invited to come along on Thursday 28th November from 6pm - 8pm to the school and support this event.

This event can only happen with the efforts of this team and they would welcome help beforehand or on the evening itself. If you can help with a stall please sign up.

Any raffle and tombola donations are still welcome and would be greatly appreciated. Please drop these off at the school office or hand directly to Jen Noble who will be in the playground on Tuesdays and Fridays at pick-up. Jen will stand near the bike shed.

Hallowe'en Discos

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Hallowe'en discos. They were well attended and the children had a wonderful time. Many enjoyed dressing up and some were unrecognisable. Well done to everyone involved. The event took over £600 in ticket sales, but expenses still need to be accounted for. The final amount raised will be shared in due course.

My Nametags

Priorsford has signed up to a company who produce labels for naming children's belongings. This company 'My Nametags' donates 24% of orders made online using our School ID.



On the website there are a variety of styles, colours, sizes and options for different types of labels you can choose from.

Go to www.MyNametags.com to order labels using our School ID: 62391 (Please enter this at the checkout page/delivery address)

or

There is a link on our school website (you may need to copy the link and paste it in your browser). Click on the link and create your order and we will be automatically credited.

Please note it parents/carers use the school name instead of the School ID number when ordering online, the website will not recognise our school and so we will not be credited. Also note, the School ID is not a discount code for parents/carers to receive discount, 24% of each order comes to the school. The school will receive the commissions from the company every January.

We hope this will help parents/carers to obtain labels which in turn will ensure any lost belongings in school, can be returned to their rightful owners.

Children In Need—Wear Spots to School

Friday 15th November is Children in Need day. We will participate in this fundraising event to raise money for this well-respected charity with a 'Spotty Day' at school.



The children can come to school on Friday 15th November wearing spotty clothing, wear spotty socks, make a spotty neckerchief/tie/headband or draw spots on their face!

There are Pudsey ears and other Pudsey items available in stores and children are welcome to wear these too but this is not an essential.

We will collect any donations on the day and we will have collection buckets in classes.

Gymnasts in Disneyland, Paris

Recently, in October some of our pupils were given the opportunity to participate in the Gymnastique Magique competition, being held in Paris with the PHD Fundamentals Gymnastic Club.

Ala Wawrzyczny(P6/7C), Emmie Abraham & Elsie McLellan(both P6W) and Khloe Naysmith (P7E) all went to Paris to perform in their club team called 'Team Evolution'. With all three routines they managed to be on the podium, taking one 2nd place and two 3rd's!

Everyone is very proud of all their hard work and dedication to the preparation for this competition.

Not only did the team achieve during the competition but they also successfully auditioned for the Disneyland pre-parade and performed in the Disneyland Park, Paris the next day. What a great achievement and a once in a life-time opportunity for the girls.



Star Pupils



Pupil Achievements

Football



Cornet

Blue Peter Badges



Hockey



Pupil Achievements

Dance



Tennis



Equestrian



Rugby



Scuba Diving



Athletics



Swimming



Judo



Dog Training

